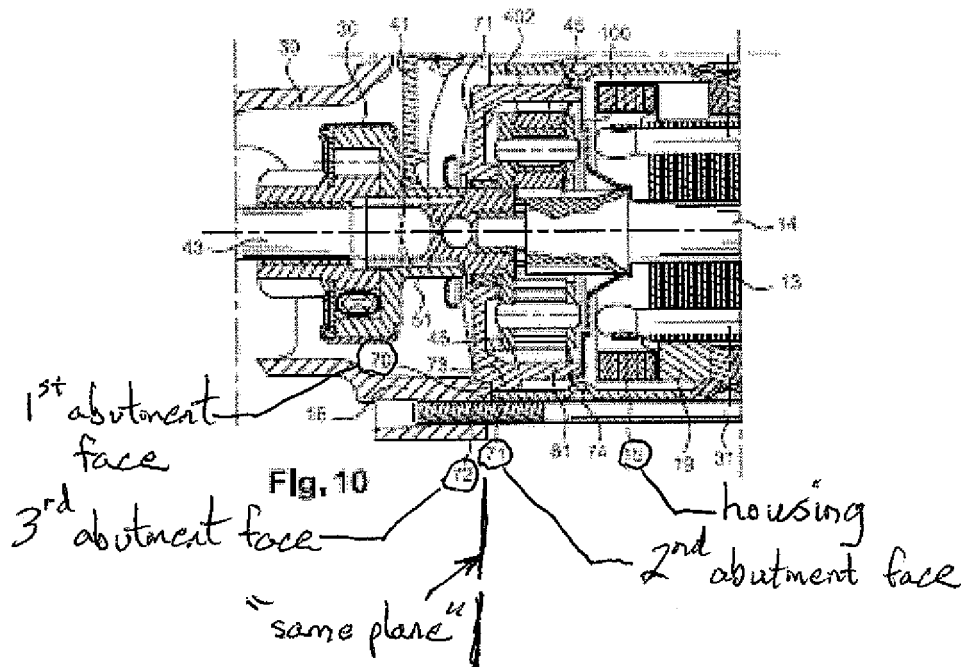


## REMARKS

The examiner is thanked for the Official Action mailed May 1, 2008. This Amendment and Request for Reconsideration is intended to be fully responsive thereto.

Claims 1-9 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Young et al. (USP 4,528,470). This rejection is respectfully traversed in view of the foregoing amendments and the following comments.

Amended claims 1 and 9 recite one arrangement and aspect of the present invention whereby the support (16) is non-rotatable coupled to the housing (15) in an unmovable manner to define a connection interface, whereby the connection interface is defined by the first abutment face (70) of the gearbox (45) is in the same plane as the second abutment face (71) and the third abutment face (72) of the connection interface. With this arrangement, the parts can be properly lined up to accomplish proper centering and alignment of the toothed ring gear (46) (see page 17, lines 24-31 of original specification). Figure 10 of the original specification is reprinted below to show these claimed features.




Young et al. '470 fails to teach or render obvious this connection interface in the same plane as the abutment face of the gearbox. As noted by the Examiner in the Final Action, the examiner has designated element 22 as the support structure. Clearly element 22 is not and cannot have an abutment surface in the same plane as the features of the gearbox for alignment purposes.

Additionally, Young et al. '470 discloses a planetary gear carrier (18) that is moveable in rotation relative to the outer gear (19) and element (16). Thus, Young et al. '470 fails to teach or render obvious the structural arrangement of the claims.

Applicant respectfully submits that the outstanding rejections and objections are overcome by the foregoing amendment and notice to that effect is earnestly solicited. Should the examiner believe that issues may be resolved through direct communication, the examiner is invited to contact the undersigned representative for the applicant.

No additional fees are believed due; however, please charge any fee deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0548 to maintain the pendency of this application.

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